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was named head of the
CTA on Thursday.

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RAIL MAN OF GENIUS?

CTA's new chief thrown head first into mass transit mess—
can he fix what's broken? Plus, RedEye's to-do list **pages 6-7**



MONDAY'S WINNER:
"This is how a 'Beware of Golfer' road sign should look."

—TROY LEWIS



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To order
 Earn brownie points at your office by picking up a hot breakfast catering order at Panera before the end of March and you'll get a free coffee tote.

To wear

Browse a new shipment of designer prom dresses marked down 50 percent to 75 percent Saturday at Filene's Basement (1 N. State St.).

To play

Try role-playing and board games including Dungeons and Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, Settlers of Catan and StarCraft with a day of gaming starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at Chicagoland Games (1207 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.).

To race

Watch the horse race broadcast at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Stretch Run (544 N. LaSalle St.) and you can pick the winners for the chance to win \$100 and entry into Hawthorne's Handicapping Challenge.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

No more rain, but it will be cloudy and cold.



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Partly sunny, cold



SUN.

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Still cold



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That's better



TUE.

46 32

Not bad at all

Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your picture along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to **dlhernandez@tribune.com**. For Friday, we have John Vigilante. Think he's a ringer for Ben Stiller? Text **"ben"** and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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President Obama on Thursday talks about the White House's 2010 budget in Washington.

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DOUBLE THE BAILOUT?

OBAMA'S BUDGET INCLUDES MORE MONEY FOR FINANCIAL INDUSTRY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Obama anticipates another \$750 billion bank bailout this year, a step that would more than double the direct infusion of taxpayer money into the reeling financial sector.

The White House's 2010 budget released Thursday includes a \$250 billion contingency fund for 2009 that—if needed—could leverage three times as much in asset purchases from financial institutions in need of capital.

In essence, however, taxpayers would foot the entire \$750 billion upfront. Administration budget writers say the value of the assets that the government has already acquired suggest a return to the government of 66 cents for every \$1 spent, hence the \$250 billion net expenditure.

"We hope that it will not be necessary," White House budget director Peter Orszag said Thursday. "We have no plans to go to Congress at this point to ask for additional money. ... The placeholder is in case the situation deteriorates further and more intervention is necessary."

Still, the inclusion of the money is the clearest sign yet that Obama's economic

SLASH THIS

The members of Obama's budget team increased their own deficit forecast for the year from a record \$1.5 trillion to a soaring \$1.75 trillion.

team is not certain that the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program that Congress approved last fall has done enough to unlock the capital markets and make credit more available.

The Obama administration still has more than \$250 billion available from the original TARP funds to inject capital into banks. Whether it needs more could depend on whether economic conditions worsen and on the outcome of "stress tests" now being conducted on the nation's biggest banks.

The stress tests, which started Wednesday and are supposed to be completed by the end of April, are being conducted to judge whether banks have sufficient—and the right mix—of capital to survive an even deeper recession.

Banking titan Citigroup has been in talks with the government about additional assis-

tance, while insurance giant AIG also is seeking more relief and is working with the government to revamp its existing rescue package.

Other highlights:

» Obama wants only a modest increase in defense spending for 2010. His proposal of at least \$533.7 billion is only a 4 percent increase from estimated 2009 spending. Such a sizable sum shows the new administration plans to take a moderately conservative approach to the nation's defense.

» Obama's budget signaled that the environment is a priority by providing the biggest increase for the Environmental Protection Agency in eight years. States, local governments and tribes can use the money to improve sewage treatment plants and drinking water systems and to protect drinking water sources.

» The Energy Department's spending plan would pay for "significant increases in basic research" into developing clean and renewable energy including solar, wind and geothermal sources, and to make motor fuel from plants.

CASUAL FRIDAY

Silliness—state by state!

From news services

LOUISIANA

Talk about deflation: even kids aren't worth that much in this economy.

A Louisiana woman is accused of trading two young children in her care for a pet cockatoo and \$175 cash from a couple who had been trying for years to have their own child, authorities said Thursday.

Donna Greenwell, 53, a long-haul trucker with an arrest record from Pitkin, is charged with aggravated kidnapping, along with would-be adoptive parents Paul Romero, 46, and Brandy Lynn Romero, 27, of Evangeline Parish.

"The Romeros had good intentions from what we see," said Keith Dupre, a detective with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office. "They really wanted to take care of the kids."

CALIFORNIA

A group of middle school administrators in L.A.'s San Fernando Valley believed a boy was dealing pot on campus. So they allegedly sent a student to buy some.

The sting worked—to a point. LAPD officers are investigating not only the suspected dealer, but they're also scrutinizing the three administrators who allegedly orchestrated the buy, said Michel Moore, an LAPD deputy chief, on Wednesday.

It is a felony to ask a minor to buy drugs.

COLORADO

A good Samaritan who helped push three people out of the path of a pickup truck before being struck and injured got a strange reward for his good deed: A jaywalking ticket.

Family members said 58-year-old bus driver Jim Moffett and another man were helping two elderly women cross a busy Denver street in a snowstorm when he was hit Friday night.

Moffett suffered bleeding in the brain, broken bones, a dislocated shoulder and a possible ruptured spleen. He was in serious but stable condition Wednesday.

The Colorado State Patrol issued the citation, saying that despite Moffett's intentions, jaywalking contributed to the accident.

Ouch. AP, L.A. TIMES CONTRIBUTED.

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'The Simpsons'—still relevant?

Nobody I know talks about "The Simpsons" anymore.

I've got it on a TiVo season pass, but I don't have any urge to watch the night it airs and I don't really mind if I miss it altogether.

I can't recall episodes the morning after I do make time to watch, and my brain no longer automatically records the best quotes—though that could be more about my brain than the show.

The only time "The Simpsons" gets discussed in the vast wasteland of pop culture is when it's compared to "Family Guy" or if off-the-air issues like actors' salary demands or the show's renewal come up.

Which reminds me, Fox renewed "The Simpsons" for two more seasons on Thursday, meaning by 2012 there will be 493 original episodes in circulation.

To put how high that number is in its proper perspective, I can't count to 493.

Can you kind of guess where I'm heading? I never thought I'd say this, but I'd be perfectly fine if "The Simpsons" went off the air.

Notice that I didn't say I'd be happy, just that I'd be fine with it. "The Simpsons" no longer has to be on the air, which is awfully close to saying the show is no longer relevant. Everybody respects the show and its heritage but nothing it does anymore is groundbreaking.

At this point, it's often funny and still endearing. But I'm ready to learn my life lessons from "Friday Night Lights" now.

There are only so many times I can watch Homer discover how much he loves Marge; Marge shockingly take up some vice; or Lisa once again learn that being popular isn't as important as being yourself.

It's true that any animated show to come along for the next few decades will owe a debt to creator Matt Groening and his band of merry geniuses. But there's nothing more "The Simpsons" can do to alter its DNA. Its place as one of the greatest shows in TV history is secure.

You should know I've got my bona fides as a "Simpsons" devotee in order, going back to the days I'd hold "Simpsons" season premiere dinner parties.

We'd have tacos, watch the premiere, then debate if the episode had been awesome, brilliant or brilliantly awesome.

When the time comes for it to end I know I'll be upset, but more like when you graduate high school than when your best friend moves away.

I've missed so many episodes over the last seven or eight seasons there must be more than 100 I've never seen yet. I'm sure I'll have no problem finding new episodes for years to come.

So while I'm not one of those people who think "The Simpsons" is a shell of its earlier self, the truth is I can take it or leave it.

But not until 2012.

CORRECTION

A Thursday Metromix story provided an incorrect station name for Q101, WKQX (101.1 FM).



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Because she qualifies for a senior pass, Chizu Kameya says, "Now, for the first time, I can go anywhere I want." **TOM VAN DYKE/TRIBUNE**

Free rides under the microscope

Chicago Tribune

The free rides offered to all seniors using public transit—the brainchild of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich—would end under a measure being considered by the state legislature.

With the freebies for those 65 and older costing Chicago area transit agencies an estimated \$58 million this year, some legislators in Springfield want to ensure that only the truly needy get free trips on buses and trains.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Suzanne Bassi (R-Palatine) would limit free rides to seniors who qualify under the state's low-income guidelines. The same means test is used to give free rides to the needy and disabled. Other seniors still would get reduced or half-fare rides.

Although Bassi is a Republican in the Democrat-controlled legislature, Rep. Julie Hamos (D-Evanston), the chair of the House Mass Transit Committee, believes the rollback has significant bipartisan support.

Rep. Kathleen Ryg (D-Vernon Hills) supports the proposal while acknowledging seniors represent a powerful voting bloc. It's a difficult issue, she said, because no one wants to deny them advantages they deserve.

"However, we're talking about crisis time," she said.

Blagojevich added the free ride program to a mass transit tax increase bill in January 2008.

Afterward, the House overwhelm-

ingly approved a bill introduced by Ryg that would have offered the rides only to the needy.

That measure died in the Senate, controlled by then-President Emil Jones Jr., a Blagojevich ally. Steve Brown, spokesman for House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago), said he's heard no discussion of the Bassi bill yet, and would not comment on its chances.

The measure took an important step this week when it was assigned to the Mass Transit Committee.

Revenues for the CTA, Metra and Pace dropped significantly below projections for 2008, officials say.

The CTA said it provided over 21 million free rides for seniors in 2008. Meanwhile, seniors also took 2.3 million free trips on Metra and about 1.7 million rides on Pace.

Many seniors think ending free rides for all isn't such a bad idea.

Barbara Yahnke of Naperville said she is "over 65" and rides Metra to downtown Chicago several times a year.

"I don't need free rides," Yahnke said. "I think taking it away will hurt some senior citizens who are on a tight budget, but it won't affect me."

But Metra rider Orlandus Bell, 72, of Naperville, takes a different view. He likes the free rides.

"It makes it a lot easier on senior citizens," said Bell. "I know I may sound a little selfish—since I can afford to pay my own ticket—but I think I deserve free rides."



Mass twansit

The CTA has a new chief, and we asked our Twitter followers if they think he can make a difference. Get on board at **twitter.com/redeyechicago**. Here's what they said:

@RoxieRavenclaw

I have serious doubts about this guy, if he knows nothing about the CTA at all. How did he even get this job? :S

@jrrtubbs

Unless he adds bar cars to the trains and gets my seven-day passes back to \$20, I don't care.

@pjnicholson88

The CTA has lost a lot of the public's trust. It's going to take a lot more than a new president to get it back.

@chevelleluv

No one can save the CTA, even if Obama was the chief.

@amybp

I'd like to be optimistic but he probably won't be around long enough to accomplish anything.

@fblossjr

Would be nice to get someone with actual transportation experience for a change.

@Outsanity

If he can lower the fare prices, that will be a major difference to me. Paying \$2.25 is a joke! I'd rather bike during winter.

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CTA'S NEW CEO

Like Huberman, new head Rodriguez rose quickly through city ranks

Chicago Tribune

Richard Rodriguez had barely enough time to learn his way around Chicago's airports before he was reassigned Thursday to the CTA, the nation's second-largest transit system. Mayor Daley selected Rodriguez, whom he touted as a manager extraordinaire, to become Chicago Transit Authority president. »



Richard Rodriguez speaks with reporters Thursday after being introduced as the new CTA president by Mayor Daley.

TOM VANDYKE/TRIBUNE

» It was part of a double Cabinet appointment that elevated O'Hare expansion chief Rosemarie Andolino to the additional post of aviation commissioner, the job that Rodriguez held only since last April.

Rodriguez, 38, said he wasn't ready to talk about the direction he would take the CTA, nor was he familiar enough to comment on the transit agency's latest budget crisis or equipment problems that have sidelined more than 200 CTA buses.

All he knows is what he read in newspapers, he said.

But Rodriguez said he hopes CTA Chairman Carole Brown and the CTA board "see the potential value my experience may add to their team."

Rodriguez replaces another City Hall wunderkind, Ron Huberman, whom Daley moved along after less than two years at the CTA to head Chicago Public Schools last month.

Daley said both Rodriguez and Andolino are expected to "implement creative out-of-the-box improvements."

Rodriguez will need to land on his feet as he parachutes into a budgetary emergency that could lead to severe service cuts, more fare hikes and employee layoffs unless the transit agency

receives additional funding to shore up a projected \$155 million shortfall in tax revenues this year.

The projected budget gap, larger than the shortfalls the CTA faced under "doomsday" scenarios about a year ago, is in addition to a \$87 million budget deficit for 2008 that still needs to be made up, transit officials said.

The mayor has made it clear he wants to see major improvements at the CTA to better position Chicago to win its bid to host the 2016 Olympics.

During his brief tenure as airports chief, Rodriguez focused on expanding restaurants and retail shops at O'Hare and Midway. City Hall is counting on the airports to provide 17 percent of all local revenue for the city in 2009.

In 2005, Rodriguez spent 10 months helping to oversee the construction program at O'Hare and Midway.

Before becoming aviation commissioner, Rodriguez headed the city buildings department. In that post he oversaw the reunification of the buildings department with the construction and permits department, and he was credited with speeding up the process by which City Hall issues building permits.

He also worked at the Chicago Housing Authority.

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Congrats on the new gig, Richard Rodriguez.

In the immortal words of Guns N' Roses: "Welcome to the jungle."

Your predecessor, Ron Huberman cleared the brush a bit, ramping up transit technology initiatives and attacking slow zones like a public transit pit bull. He also ushered in an era of mass transit measurement, introducing the CTA secret shopper program as well as clearer, color-coded metrics at transitchicago.com.

Still, you've got a daunting task ahead, most notably a recent (and unexpected) projected \$242 million budget deficit.

You're also facing down a mass transit mob, if complaints in my inbox offer any indication.

Some riders are running out of patience for the soap opera in Springfield, even though

transit truly is underfunded in Illinois.

Oh, the pressure.

You demurred in commenting on what needs to be done within the agency, according to the Tribune, for which I commend you on your transit tact. But to get you started on the right route, here are some suggested CTA areas of focus.



Ending bus bunching

Next-bus tracker, which will expand to cover 72 percent of the agency's 153 routes starting Monday, is most definitely a positive public transit move. But clearly, the tracker alone is not a magic bullet for bus bunching, a phenomenon aggravated by aging equipment and street traffic. Solve this pervasive problem across the system, and earn your place in public transit history.



Listening to riders

"Going Public" can't begin to tell you how many insightful CTA solutions riders suggest to me. But they can, so read the e-mails to feedback@transitchicago.com, and take note of observations from secret shoppers. Take to the roads and rails and talk to as many riders as you can—unless they appear to be talking to themselves. Sure, we all gripe about CTA service, but the bottom line is, riders have a stake in your success. Take advantage of their advice.



Revving up revenue

We don't expect you to be a CTA Stephen Hawking, with ideas that will take the agency from the red to the black in less time than it takes to board a bus. But don't be afraid to shake up the system and wring revenue out of all possible sources. Entertain some academic advice about privatizing aspects of bus operation or, perhaps on a more feasible note, let retailers loose in the station. Imagine the success of Snuggie sales on a freezing cold "L" platform.



Improving employee attitude

I, and evidently a number of other riders who write to me, have experienced a number of attitudinal employees, specifically customer assistants and bus operators. At the same time, I've witnessed CTA staffers who are genuine gems, even to riders who do not deserve their kindness. We can go back and forth with the blame game, but it's clear that the agency must boost internal morale and, by extension, its treatment of riders. There's not much left if you take the "public" out of public transportation.

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Mag Mile Borders to close

Borders announced it plans to close its store on Michigan Avenue, across from Water Tower Place, in January 2010. The company said it remains committed to the Chicago market, which has 19 stores, and will continue to operate nearby stores, including the State Street location. The store, which has been open at that location since 1995, has not met profit objectives for some time, Borders executive Steve Davis said. It employs about 100 workers.

Trotter, restaurant break up

Charlie Trotter, who was scheduled to open a fine-dining restaurant in the new Elysian Hotel, has pulled out of that deal. A spokesperson for the hotel, scheduled to open in June at 11 E. Walton St., said a replacement would be named quickly. The split was amicable, Trotter spokeswoman Rochelle Smith confirmed: "There was no drama, no hard feelings."

Huberman to take closer look at gangs

Following the latest wave of student killings, the new city schools chief told Chicago aldermen Thursday that the district will evaluate the role gang turf boundaries play in escalating violence. Ron Huberman, chief executive officer of the Chicago Public Schools, said he wants to embrace a district-wide effort with police to evaluate how gangs affect school attendance boundaries, what gang boundaries students must cross to get to school and even how CTA bus routes intersect boundaries as they carry students to class.

No jail for Vrdolyak

Former Chicago Ald. Edward Vrdolyak was sentenced Thursday to 5 years of probation for his role in a \$1.5 million kickback scheme, a far cry from the 3 1/2 years in prison sought by federal prosecutors. "To me it would be the wrong message to send here to impose a [prison] sentence," said U.S. District Judge Milton Shadur. The judge also fined Vrdolyak \$50,000 and ordered him to do 2,500 hours of community service.



Flooding rains

Jun Ramos clears drain grates late Thursday evening at West Carmen and North Central Park Avenues. State police also were reporting flooding on area expressways, including on the Edens near Bryn Mawr Avenue. Some viaducts were flooding, as well. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/TRIBUNE**

Man charged in slayings of teens

A 20-year-old man was charged in the slaying of three teens gunned down with an assault rifle last week on the Southeast Side, officials said.

Martin Ybarra, of the 8300 block of South Buffalo Avenue, was charged with first-degree murder in connection with the Friday slayings of the teens near East 87th Street and South Exchange Avenue, according to Cook County state's attorney's office spokeswoman Sally Daly.

Killed in the shooting were two Bowen High School students—Kendrick Pitts, 17, and Raheem Washington, 15—and a student from Mireles Academy elementary school, 13-year-old Johnny Edwards.

Ybarra was acquitted in a fatal 2005 shooting that occurred within a block from the site of the Friday slayings. That shooting, which claimed the life of 19-year-old Danny Urbieta, occurred in the 8700 block of South Escanaba Avenue.

So far this school year, 25 Chicago public school students have been slain, compared with 26 for the entire previous school year.



U.S. Sen. Roland Burris smiles after speaking at the City Club of Chicago Public Policy Forum last week in Chicago. **AP**

Quinn backs special election

Gov. Quinn said Thursday that if U.S. Sen. Roland Burris doesn't step down within the next two weeks, he wants lawmakers to send him a bill to set up a special election that could effectively remove Burris from office.

Quinn, appearing on "The Steve Cochran Show" on WGN (720-AM), said he spoke to the top two Democrats in the General Assembly about the possibility of moving ahead with the legislation, which would take advantage of a clause contained in the U.S. Constitution's 17th Amendment.

Quinn's actions follow a legal opinion issued

Wednesday night by Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan, who said she believed the state could enact a special-election law that would effectively force Burris from office. Under the constitution, a governor's appointments to fill Senate vacancies should be considered temporary until an election is held, she said.

But under current state law, appointments to Senate vacancies last until the next federal election, which is scheduled for next year. Burris was appointed by former Gov. Rod Blagojevich to fill the vacancy left by President Obama.

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Tracking homicides in Chicago

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

On first glance, the mile-long stretch of South Loomis Street from Roosevelt Road to just south of 18th Street seems like a quiet spot.

Puddles cover Addams Park, a Chicago Park District outpost at 14th Street that offers a playground, swimming pool and basketball courts. A loft condo project awaits development at 15th Street, while a Chicago Public Library stands near 18th Street.

But this section of road in the University Village area isn't so sleepy. The street was the site of three slayings in a three-week period this year.

A 43-year-old man was shot to death on Jan. 28 in the 1600 block of South Loomis, Chicago police said.

A 16-year-old boy was shot in the chest in the 1900 block of South Loomis on Valentine's Day after he allegedly flashed a gang sign, while a 28-year-old man was shot multiple times as he sat in his vehicle in the 1200 block of South Loomis on Feb. 22, according to police.

Homicides are up this month compared with February 2008, and the month isn't over yet. A RedEye analysis of preliminary police reports found 23 homicides have occurred in February as of Wednesday. Chicago police recorded 20 homicides in February 2008.

Loomis Street on the West Side isn't the only trouble spot. That's why each week, starting next Thursday, RedEye will map the locations of the homicides reported in the previous week and spotlight some of the problem areas. We have plotted the homicides recorded in January and February, through Wednesday, to get you up to speed.

Just a few weeks ago, Chicago police were touting a decline in the number of homicides in January 2009 compared with January 2008 — 24, down from 34 during the same period last year.

Police credited the decline to the new mobile strike force, which targets the most violent areas of the city. But now it seems homicides are on the rise again. In one high-profile case, three teenagers were killed in a shooting near East 87th Street and South Exchange Avenue.

There were about 10 victims of a homicide each week on average in Chicago last year. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

KEY TO THE MAP

● The map shows the 24 January homicides in Chicago reported by police.
● Also shown are the 23 February homicides.
Note: Some locations had multiple victims.

JANUARY HOMICIDES (24 total)

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FEBRUARY HOMICIDES (23 total)

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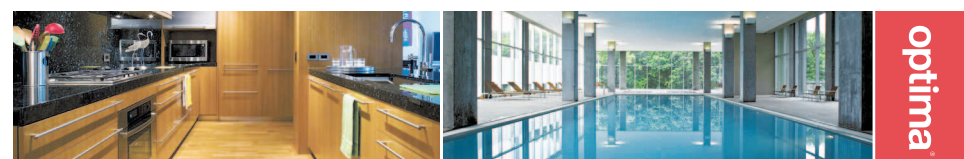
For an interactive version of the map, go to redeyechicago.com/homicides.

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In every Thursday's paper, RedEye will publish a map of the homicides from the previous week. The interactive map on our Web site also will be updated weekly.

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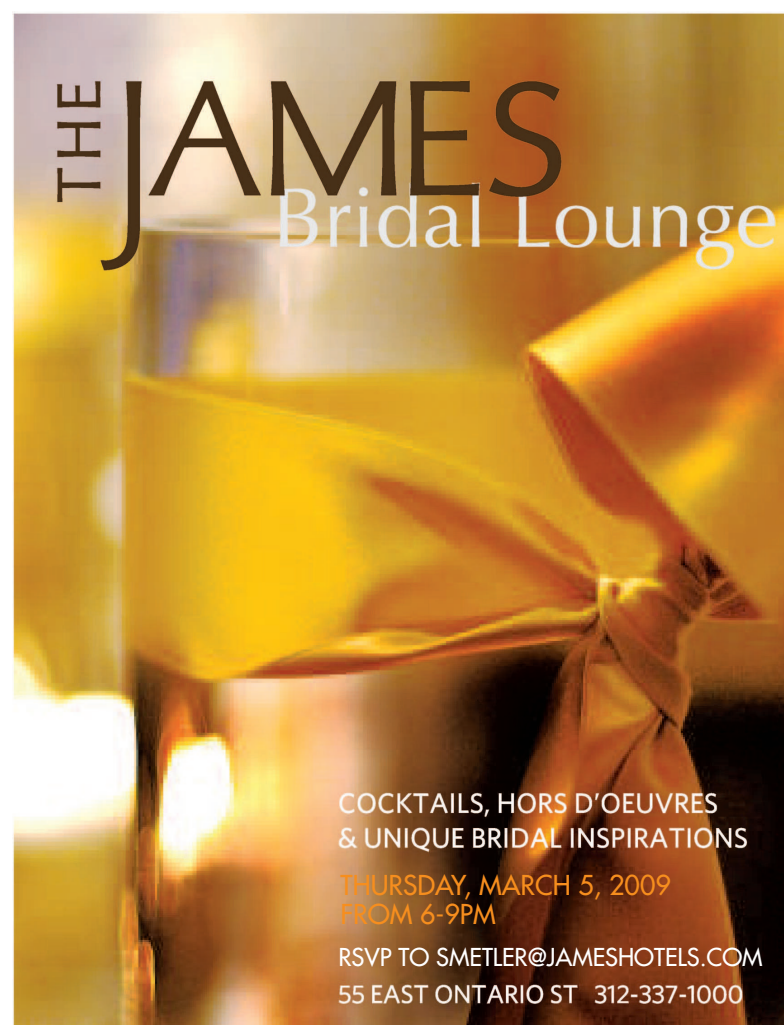
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Drug violence a concern for Mexico spring breakers

6 **PHOENIX** The U.S. State Department and universities around the country are warning college students headed for Mexico for some spring-break partying of a surge in drug-related murder and mayhem south of the border.

More than 100,000 high school- and college-age Americans travel to Mexican resort areas during spring break each year. Much of the drug violence is happening in border towns, and tourists have generally not been targeted, though there have been killings in the big spring-break resorts of

MORE THAN 1,000 KILLED

Mexico's federal attorney general tells The Associated Press more than 1,000 people have been killed in the first eight weeks of this year, but he believes that drug violence is reaching its peak. Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora says 6,290 people were killed last year in drug violence.

Acapulco and Cancun, well away from the border.

The University of Arizona in Tucson is

urging its approximately 37,000 students not to go to Mexico. Other universities in the Southwest and far beyond, including Penn State, Notre Dame, the University of Colorado and the University of Buffalo, said they would call students' attention to the travel warning issued Feb. 20 by the State Department.

The State Department stopped short of warning spring breakers not to go to Mexico, but advised them to avoid areas of prostitution and drug-dealing and take other common-sense precautions.



Back home

7 "Slumdog Millionaire" child actor Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail (center) gets a rousing welcome as he returns to his home in a slum in Bandra in suburban Mumbai. The film, a tale of hope amid adversity and squalor in Mumbai, came away with eight Oscars, including best picture and best director for Danny Boyle. **AP PHOTO**

1 Volcano forces relocation

Chilean officials say a town destroyed by a volcanic eruption will be rebuilt six miles away. The original village of Chaiten is in ruins after the volcano sprang to life in May 2008 for the first time in thousands of years; 4,000 residents were evacuated.

2 War dead photos need OK

The Obama administration is reversing an 18-year ban on news coverage of the return of war dead, allowing photographs of flag-covered caskets when families of the fallen troops agree, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday. The new policy will give families a choice of whether to admit the press to ceremonies at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

3 Facebook allows input

Facebook is trying its hand at democracy. The fast-growing online hangout said Thursday that users will play a "meaningful role" in deciding the site's policies such as privacy, ownership and sharing by reviewing, commenting and voting on them before they are put in place.

4 Ex-president acquitted

UN judges on Thursday acquitted former Serbian President Milan Milutinovic of ordering a deadly campaign of terror against Kosovo Albanians. But the tribunal convicted five other senior Serbs and gave them prison sentences of between 15 and 22 years.

5 Bangladesh mutiny ends

Tanks rolled through the Bangladeshi capital Thursday in a show of force that persuaded mutinous border guards to lay down their arms, ending a two-day revolt. At least 11 were killed after the nearly 2,000 guards opened fire on their senior officers and seized their headquarters to protest poor pay and conditions.

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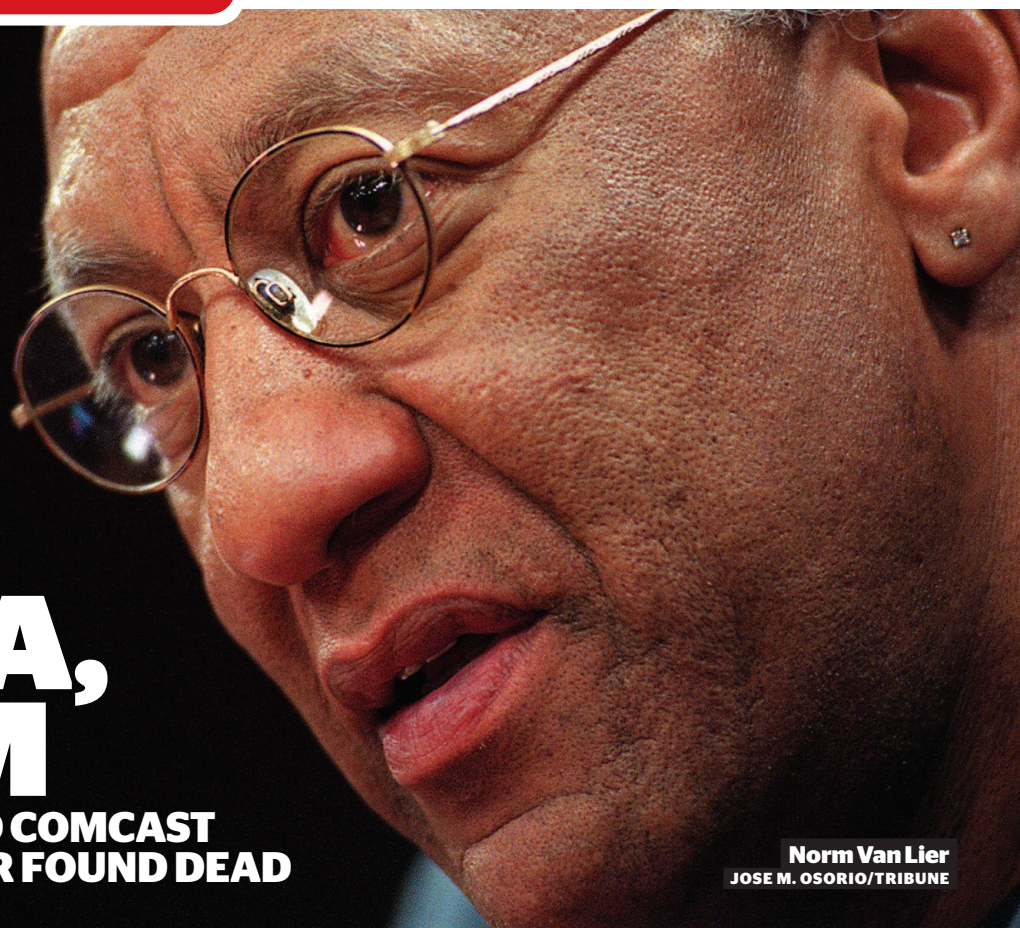
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BULLS GREAT AND COMCAST ANALYST VAN LIER FOUND DEAD



Norm Van Lier
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Associated Press

CHICAGO Norm Van Lier, one of the most popular players in Bulls history and one of the NBA's top defensive players in the 1970s, was found dead in his home just blocks away from the Bulls arena Thursday, authorities said. He was 61.

The cause of death was not immediately known.

"Norm Van Lier was one of the all-time greats ever to put on a Chicago Bulls uniform," Bulls Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said in a statement. "Along with Jerry Sloan, he set a standard for Bulls defense and toughness which we will never forget and which we will always strive to replicate."

Van Lier, who most recently worked for Comcast SportsNet, had been scheduled as a pre- and post-game analyst for Wednesday night's Bulls game with the New Jersey Nets.

Comcast officials became concerned after Van Lier did not show up for work and could not be reached Thursday, so an employee was sent to his apartment near the United Center, said Jim Corno, president of CSN Chicago. The employee tried unsuccessfully to get inside.

Authorities responding to a subsequent well-being check request found Van Lier unresponsive shortly before 1 p.m. He

THE VAN LIER FILE

Name: Norman Allen Van Lier III
Born: April 1, 1947
Hometown: East Liverpool, Ohio
College: St. Francis, Pa.
Height: 6-1 **Weight:** 173
Drafted: Bulls' fifth pick of third round in 1969 draft.*

CAREER TOTALS

Games: 746 **Points:** 8,770
Field goals: 3,313 of 8,003 (41.4 pct.)
Free throws: 2,144 of 2,749 (78 pct.)
Steals: 767 **Turnovers:** 249
Rebounds: 3,596 **Fouls:** 2,661

*Traded to Cincinnati; reacquired in 1972 season **TRIBUNE**

was pronounced dead at the scene, said Chicago Fire Department spokesman Quention Curtis.

Van Lier began his NBA career with Cincinnati in 1969. He later spent more than six seasons with the Bulls before finishing his career with Milwaukee in 1979.

It was Van Lier's time with the Bulls for which he was most vividly remembered.

"He's leaving an incredible legacy behind—great accomplishments as well as a charitable person," said Artis Gilmore, his Bulls teammate.

Kerr loses fight against cancer

Associated Press

CHICAGO Johnny "Red" Kerr, the former Bulls coach who spent more than three decades as a broadcaster for the team, has died. He was 76.

Bulls spokesman Tim Hallam said Kerr died Thursday night at his home. He had been battling prostate cancer.

Kerr's death is a double blow for the Bulls, following the death also Thursday of Norm Van Lier, one of the most popular players in Bulls history. Van Lier was 61.

The Bulls unveiled a statue of Kerr at the United Center during an emotional ceremony earlier this month that included taped messages from President Obama and Commissioner David Stern and speeches from Scottie Pippen and Michael Jordan.

Kerr coached the Bulls to the playoffs in their inaugural 1966-67 season and spent more than 30 years calling their games.

Rebuilding—the Bears way



sacked again

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All right, here we go. Second only to the draft in my favorite off-season activities, it's time to go free-agent shopping for the Bears.

First of course, is the expected bad news. There are absolutely no free agents in this year's crop.

But that's good news around here, because the Bears

have become fond of saying, "You know, we don't need that much help. We're going to improve from within with coaching and attitude."

Wow, that's great news for the 26th ranked offense in the NFL.

The news gets better, however. The one good player we have, John Tait, is set to retire. Things must be really bad around here when the guy won't even play out the last year on his contract.

So now there's talk of drafting a tackle in the first round. Well, that's fine, but all that does is replace a player. We're not getting any better.

Just looking at the logic, for the Bears to improve, Matt Forte, Kyle Orton, Devin Hester and whoever else—I don't know, Earl Bennett—are all going to improve drastically along with the defense.

Besides, according to Jerry Angelo, the organization's biggest signing in the off-season was Rod Marinelli, who's coming off an 0-16 season.

The good news is we no longer have Rex Grossman. He is now someone else's headache/heartache.

Let's not let him get away without a tribute.

As he joins Cade McNown, Jonathan Quinn—oh, you know the names, too many to mention here. Here are some of my favorite Rex moments:

» The 1.3 QB rating against the Vikings the season of the Super Bowl. Just drop back and spike it into the ground and you'd have a better rating.

» The Super Bowl itself. Throwing wounded ducks in the rain ain't gonna cut it, son.

» The Arizona Monday night game, same year. At that point, just play your defensive players on offense.

» Can't think of another. Just go away.

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Springers

Spring Training games have started, which means Jimmy's long, miserable march to September disappointment has begun.



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1 What's the difference between Spring Training and spring break?	You see way more boobs at Spring Training.	Baseball. Otherwise, they both take place in warm places with lots of booze.	Hits. They mean something totally different on spring break. Right, Phelps?	The grass.	Mistakes in Spring Training don't cause redness, itching or irritation.
2 Kurt Warner apparently will be available. Would he want to play for the Bears?	Yes, a perfect fit. Get him. Now. What are you waiting for?	I think he'd want to play, period. But he'd need thick skin to play here.	He likes his receivers to be able to catch his throws, so no.	No, the Bears make Jesus cry. Shouldn't have killed those Saints in '07.	Only if it means a lap dance from Tracy.
3 What team is a good fit for Rex Grossman?	State Farm apprenticeship program.	Maybe he should switch to baseball, a la Michael Jordan.	He looked good at Bloomington South.	Team Aniston. Brad Pitt doesn't want you either, Rex.	Notre Dame. Get it? They stink and Weis is huge.
4 Which of the Bulls newcomers looks like a keeper?	Derrick Rose.	No clue. But keep 'em or not, I doubt it'll make a difference.	Salmons. Too good to throw back.	When I look at Brad Miller, I'm just stumped.	None. I'd trade them all for a date with Jen Patterson.
5 NASCAR's in Vegas. Whom are you betting on?	Danica Patrick losing her tattoo playing the slots.	The strippers—they're the ones that'll be making money off the drivers. Better odds.	Dale Jr. If he doesn't wreck at least 12 cars, I'll be out \$50.	Kurt Busch or Jimmie Johnson. I bet Johnson is big in Vegas.	Me, to make it rain and light that town up.

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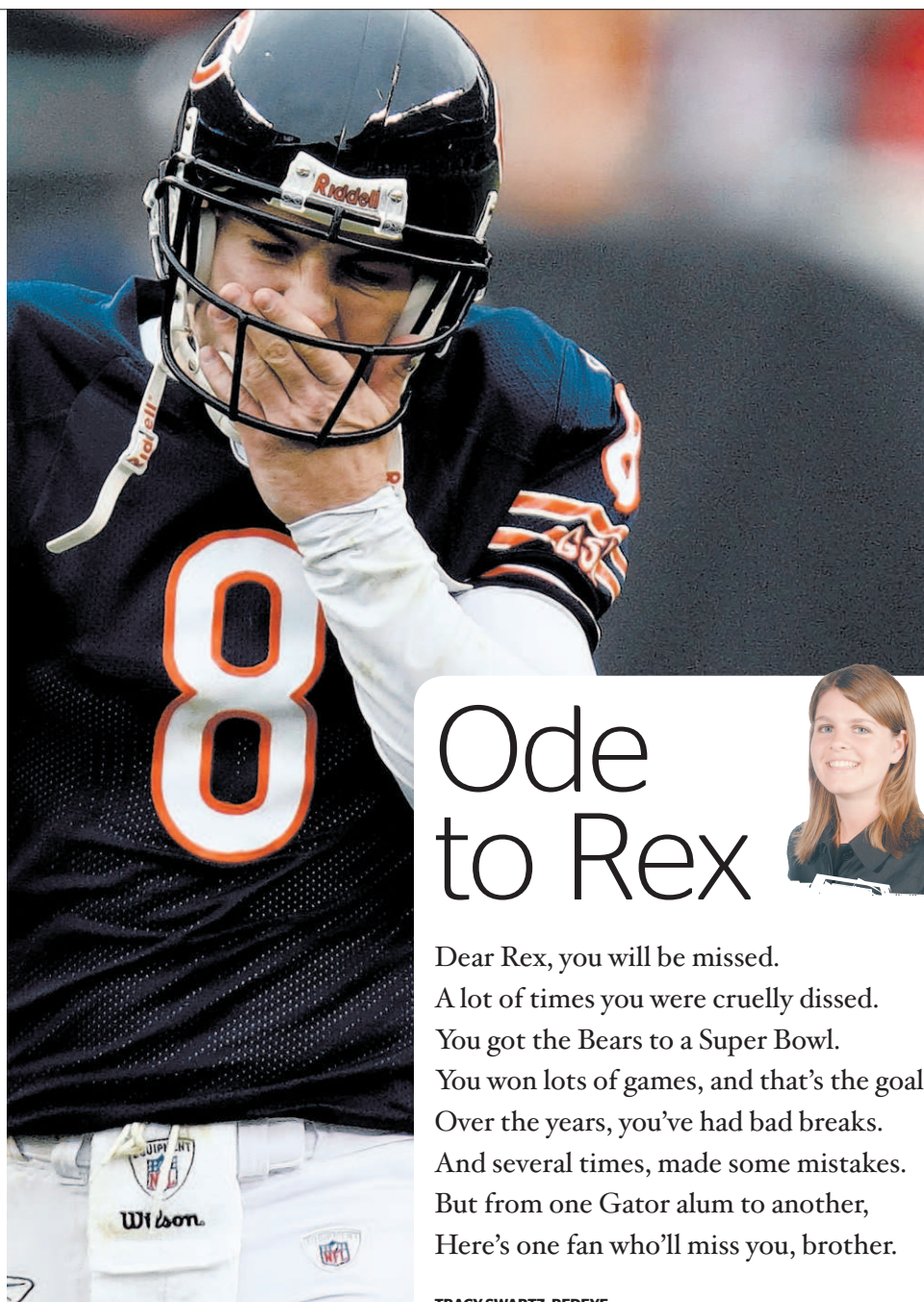


I've got to fess up. I missed this one, big time. My powers of prediction failed me. Tiger Woods was eliminated Thursday from the Accenture Match Play Championship. Now watch as the second-guessers start their "he came back too soon" argument. Here now, my TV picks.

NHL
BLACKHAWKS VS. PENGUINS
7:30 p.m. CSN
The Hawks lead the all-time series 63-40. That won't be the final score.

NBA
BULLS AT WASHINGTON
6 p.m. CSN+
Can the newcomers help stage another magic act on the Wizards?

GOLF
ACCENTURE MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
1 p.m. Golf Channel
Tiger may be gone, but this tournament-style match still is fun to watch.



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Ode to Rex



Dear Rex, you will be missed.
A lot of times you were cruelly dissed.
You got the Bears to a Super Bowl.
You won lots of games, and that's the goal.
Over the years, you've had bad breaks.
And several times, made some mistakes.
But from one Gator alum to another,
Here's one fan who'll miss you, brother.

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ONE-LINERS

SportsBusiness Journal reports the NBA plans to borrow \$175 million to distribute to teams in need of additional cash. » Alex Rodriguez has been told by the New York Yankees to keep his cousin away from ballparks, source to The Associated Press. » A government official says imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick (right) has been approved for release to home confinement.



Woods wilts on Day 2

MARANA, Ariz. One day after a ceremonious return to golf, Tiger Woods was on his way home.

Tim Clark of South Africa played 16 holes without a bogey and pulled ahead for good on the back nine Thursday, knocking Woods out of the Accenture Match Play Championship with a 4-and-2 victory.

Woods likely will play in two weeks at Doral in the CA Championship, although he said he would wait to see how his left knee felt. This was his first tournament since reconstructive surgery on the knee one week after he won the U.S. Open in June.

Asked where he would go from here, Woods replied, "To the airport."

"I knew I had to play out of my mind to beat him," Clark said. "I'm very proud of the way I played."

Woods wound up playing 32 holes, and said everything felt great—except for losing.

"I was really pleased, walking down these cart paths, and obviously playing and getting into the rhythm of playing," Woods said. "I have no soreness, have no pain."

HOMETOWN HITS



CUBS 7, BREWERS 4

Milton Bradley's Spring Training debut was cut short by an injury described as mild tightness of his left quadriceps. The Cubs' new right-fielder drew a walk in the first inning of a 7-4 win over the Milwaukee Brewers. He was lifted for a pinch-runner as soon as he reached base.



WHITE SOX 4, ROCKIES 1

Huston Street made his debut with the Colorado Rockies on Thursday, giving up a run and three hits in a 4-1 loss to the White Sox.



The Slaughter announced Thursday that the team had signed former Rush player Khreem Smith, a defensive end.

Friday's games

» Illinois-Chicago at Loyola, 8 p.m. ESPN

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a pint (or several) at six spots, including kitschy Reagle Beagle (160 E. Grand Ave.), sporty P.J. Clarke's (302 E. Illinois St.), polished D4 (345 E. Ohio St.) and bustling crawl kickoff Timothy O'Toole's. Includes drink specials such as \$3 Bud Light drafts and themed hats. 8 p.m. Saturday. No cover. 622 N. Fairbanks Ct. 312-642-0700.

weekend best bets

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PARTY PICKS

Rock 'n' rolling

After six days of bike-themed art and antics, the 12th Annual Bike Winter Art Show comes to a close with the **Bike Winter Carnival**, a musical benefit for Chicago Women's Health Center and West Town Bikes. Punk marching band Environmental Encroachment kicks off the party, followed by banjo player Al Scorch, James Brown tribute band Get Up with the Get Downs and Schwinntonation—a band that uses bikes as instruments. 6 p.m. Friday. \$5 donation. Flat Iron Arts Building, 1579 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-738-0480.

Drag city

Dress up your weekend with drag darling/actor Varla Jean Merman (a.k.a. Jeffery Roberson) at **Viva Varla**. The campy two-night show features humorous monologues and original songs, including a rap spoof of "My

Favorite Things" and the surefire classic, "Dream a Little Dream of Cheese," in which Varla sings while eating spray cheese. Seriously. 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. \$20. Hydrate, 3458 N. Halsted St. 773-975-9244.

Don't get left out

As cynicism toward Illinois politics grows, a group of local liberals have decided that it's time for some humor. Hear stand-up, live music and readings at **Liberals and Leftys and Laughs, Oh My!**, honoring Chicago's progressive culture and the new directory of national liberal hangouts, "The Nation Guide to the Nation." See bestselling "Nixonland" author Rick Perlstein, comedian Carrie Callahan, comic musician Lauren Maul and others. Cash bar. 7 p.m. Saturday. Free. No Exit Cafe, 6970 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-743-3355.

BEST OF THE REST

Ice breaker

If you're not afraid of a little cold water, the **Ninth Annual Chicago Polar Plunge** is your chance to prove it. Take a frigid dip into Lake Michigan to raise money for Special Olympics Chicago, then head to the on-site heated tent for complimentary sandwiches and drinks from a cash bar. Includes T-shirts and gift bags for all, plus prizes for top fundraisers, largest group and best costume. 9:30 a.m. Sunday. \$100 minimum pledge. North Avenue Beach, 1600 N. Lake Shore Drive. 312-527-3743.

Down dog

Who faithfully licks your hand after a long day at the office? That's right: your dog. Spend some quality time with your BFF at **Doga**, a yoga class for people and pooches meant to facilitate pet-owner bonding (awwww ...). If your canine is wee, hold him overhead for an added challenge; if your best friend is big, lean against him to create a deeper stretch. Dogs must be vaccinated. Noon Sunday. \$20; free for dogs. Unleashed, 1535 N. Dayton St. Contact and reservations (recommended): **events@alivrescue.org**

Uncorked

Whether you've got a special-occasion bottle of wine you've been dying to crack open or you're a fan of BYOB dining, **"Open That Bottle!" Night** is your grape escape. About a dozen city restaurants allow you to BYOB for no corkage fee. Some spots also offer half-price bottles, including D.O.C. Wine Bar (2602 N. Clark St. 773-883-5101) and Frasca (3358 N. Paulina St. 773-248-5222). Saturday. Various hours and locations. Full list of participants: **metromix.com**



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What's opening this weekend?

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ADDICTION SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

\$6 glasses of wine, \$8 martinis; 1023 W. Lake St., Chicago, 312-421-8845.

BUTCH MCGUIRE'S

\$4 Harpoon IPA drafts, \$5 select shots, \$6 fish and chips; 20 W. Division St. 312-337-9080.

CACTUS BAR & GRILL

\$2.95 appetizers with purchase of a drink (2-6 p.m.), \$5 Patron Silver shots; 404 S. Wells St. 312-922-3830.

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\$10 buckets of domestic beer bottles; 3047 W. 111th St. 773-298-1315.

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Half-price appetizers before 8 p.m., \$3 monster bombs, \$5 martinis; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

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\$4 Heineken and Amstel Light bottles, \$6 Jager bombs and Kilo Kai cocktails, DJ Scratch-n-Sniff spins 10 p.m.; 2051 W. Division St. 773-394-2066.

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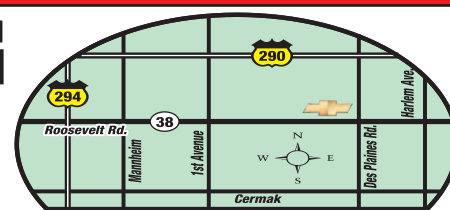
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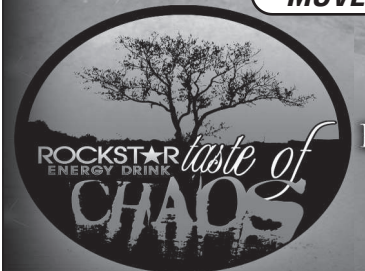


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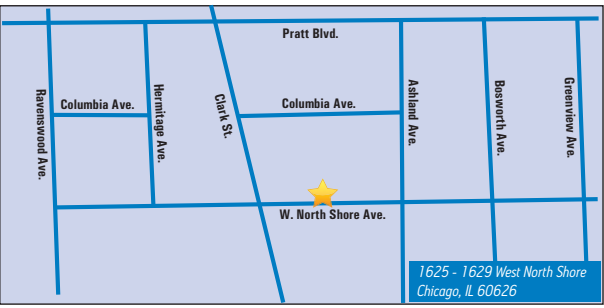
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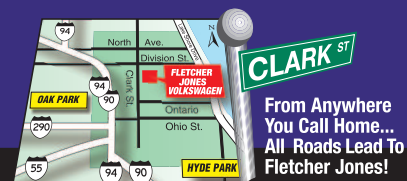
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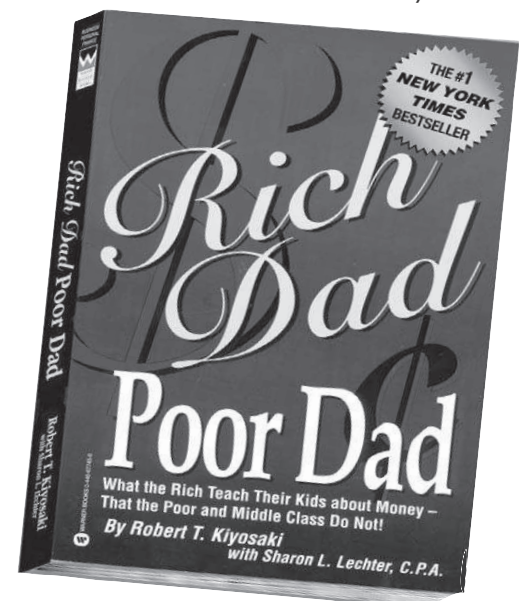
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Robert Kiyosaki does not appear at the workshop.

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Taccone (from left), Samberg and Schaffer
AP FILE

Lonely Island's digital shorts are long on laughs

Super clips

Associated Press

When Andy Samberg was a kid, one of his most frequently played CDs wasn't by a musical act, but by his comedic hero, Adam Sandler.

"Sandler's first album, I probably listened to like a million times," Samberg said of Sandler's 1993 CD "They're All Gonna Laugh at You!"

"It's like summer camp for me, discovering that with all my friends. ... It was truly inspirational."

Samberg hopes to have a similar effect on people with "Incredibad," a new CD/DVD he released with his writing partners Jorma Taccone and Akiva Schaffer, childhood friends collectively known as The Lonely Island.

While The Lonely Island may not be a house-

hold name, the clips the group has produced for "Saturday Night Live" have become viral sensations, like "[Bleep] in my Pants" and "[Bleep] in a Box," which featured a memorable appearance by Justin Timberlake.

Those songs are included on "Incredibad," along with a DVD with shorts from the show as well as new material.

"I think if you're into what we do, we're delivering on that in spades," Samberg said.

It was The Lonely Island's digital short film, "Lazy Sunday," that lit the spark for Samberg's white-hot career.

When "SNL" aired it in December 2005, Samberg was a goofy 27-year-old rookie, basically unknown to even the show's most devout

fans. Within a week, the video—a geeky, hip-hop paean to "The Chronicles of Narnia"—was viewed more than a million times on the Internet. Since then, The Lonely Island's shorts have become instant Internet hits.

The new CD/DVD features their greatest hits as well as new collaborations with top stars like Jack Black, Norah Jones and Julian Casablancas of The Strokes.

"We just sat down at the beginning and were like, 'Whose careers can we ruin?' And then we just picked names out of a hat," Taccone joked.

Schaffer said he and his pals are "huge fans" of everyone taking part in the project.

"Every time I hit play on a song," he said, "it's like, us, us and I'm like, 'Eh, eh' and then they come on and I'm like, 'Hey!' Because we're just fans of those people."

Greatest hits

The Lonely Island has struck gold with several of their music parodies. Here are some of the biggest:

I'M ON A BOAT

Their latest single, featuring T-Pain, has topped iTunes' music video chart.

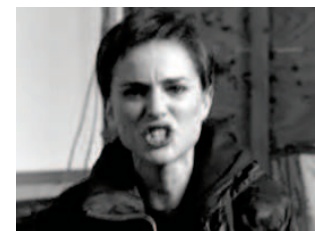


[BLEEP] IN A BOX ▲

Possibly the trio's most famous parody, it has Samberg and Justin Timberlake offering tips on giving your girl a special gift.

[BLEEP] IN MY PANTS

In this video, Molly Simms and Jamie-Lynn Sigler cause the boys to have an "accident." Timberlake returns as a grocery store janitor.



NATALIE'S RAP ▲

In this clip, Natalie Portman raps/curses about an average day for her. "I never said I was a role model," she says.

LAZY SUNDAY ▼

This video, with Chris Parnell as M.C. glorifying the nerdverse, started it all for Lonely Island.



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QUICK PICKS

Two Lovers

(R)

Who's in it: Joaquin Phoenix, Gwyneth Paltrow, Vinessa Shaw

What it's about: Depressed after losing his fiancée, Leonard (Phoenix) finds himself with two attractive women tapping at his cocoon—Sandra (Shaw) and Michelle (Paltrow).

Worth watching? "In its ragged, nonlinear way, 'Two Lovers' has more going on than most movies."

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Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li

(PG-13)

Who's in it: Kristin Kreuk, Neal McDonough, Michael Clarke Duncan, Taboo of the Black Eyed Peas

What it's about: Chun-Li (Kreuk) opens a whole case of whoop-ass in a "quest for justice" in this video-game adaptation.

Worth watching? It wasn't screened for critics.

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Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience (G)

Who's in it: Joe, Kevin and Nick Jonas

What it's about: It's just like going to their "Burnin' Up" concert last summer—only you can see Joe, Kevin and Nick up close and you can hear them above the screaming.

Worth watching?

"First things first: Non-Jonas Brothers fans, this movie doesn't concern you. ... OK, Team Jonas. Still here? You're gonna love this movie." GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY



"Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience"
DISNEY



Petrone (left) and Macor in "Gomorrah" IFC FILMS

Gomorrah

(Unrated)

Who's in it: Marco Macor, Pietro Petrone, Salvatore Abruzzese

What it's about: Two cocky Italian teenagers run around their dilapidated Naples neighborhood and get mixed up with the mob.

Worth watching?

"It upends everything you think you know about the mob, and mob movies."

CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP



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COMPILED BY SCOTT KLEINBERG

MILK

NicDell "Milk" renews my faith in going to the movie theatre in the first place.

PUSH

dward8384 The TV show "Heroes" in movie form. it was decent. sometimes dakota fanning irks me, but overall, it was pretty entertaining.



CORALINE

GrantGannon I don't know what sucked more, the movie or the headache it gave me from the 3D. Yeah, I said it. **ChicagoDining** Amazing claymation, thoroughly engaging story—even for adults—and the visuals are beautiful. Saw 2x in 3D and I'd see it again.

FRIDAY THE 13TH

egspoony If you watch "Friday the 13th," hope you get a vocal audience. Icing, meet cake. I enjoyed this retelling.

GRAN TORINO

inkyhack Fantastic. Eye opening. Great acting. Should have been nominated for an Oscar. Go see it now.

HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU

NikkiWadley "He's Just Not That Into You" reminded women about all the things we know but always seem to forget when a man is around! **grecedlightnin** "He's Just Not That Into You" is more like a series of short stories than a long movie. There is no real main character, so you don't get sick of them. Plenty of guy humor.

HOTEL FOR DOGS

Oh_No_Its_Me "Hotel for Dogs" is delightful. The precious pups & orphan protectors R so cute & clever. They make me want to rescue a pound full of pooches!

THE READER

aprilknob I thought "The Reader" was one of the best movies I have seen that portrayed a love story that surpasses age or circumstance.



Jennifer Aniston stars in "He's Just Not That Into You." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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- Confess-Shop (PG) 1:50,4:40,7:20,10:00
- Friday the 13th (R) 1:35,6:45
- International (R) 2:00,4:50,7:50,10:40
- He's Just Not (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,7:10,10:20
- Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 3:00,5:45,8:15,10:35
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- The Reader (R) 3:15,6:45,10:00
- Doubt (PG-13) 1:55,4:45,7:35,10:10
- The Class (PG-13) 3:10,6:30,9:45
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- He's Just Not (PG-13) 9:50,12:50,3:40,6:40,9:40
- Pink Panther 2 (PG) 10:50,1:20
- Push (PG-13) 11:00,1:50,4:50,7:30,10:40
- Coralline 3D (PG) 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:10,9:50
- Taken (PG-13) (Closed caption) 11:40,2:10,5:10,7:45,10:10
- Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 11:20,2:00,4:40,7:10,9:30

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

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- Milk (R) 5:00,7:40,10:15
- He's Just Not (PG-13) 4:50,7:40,10:10

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- International (R) 4:00,6:50,9:45
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- Confess-Shop (PG) 12:15,2:45,5:15,7:50,10:25
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- Push (PG-13) 10:50,1:15
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- Frost/Nixon (R) 2:15,5:55
- Benjamin Button (PG-13) 8:05 P.M.
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- AMC Select Milk (R) 11:15,2:15,5:10,8:10,11:05
- AMC Select Revo Road (R) 11:30,2:20,5:20,8:30,11:40
- AMC Select Frost/Nixon (R) 10:45,10:45
- AMC Select Slumdog Mill (R) 10:05,11:05,1:00,2:00,4:00,5:00,7:00,8:00,10:15,11:15
- AMC Select The Wrestler (R) 10:55,1:55,4:50,7:50,10:50
- AMC Select The Reader (R) 11:10,2:05,5:05,8:05,10:55
- Benjamin Button (PG-13) 10:25,2:10,6:00,9:50
- AMC Select Doubt (PG-13) 1:40,7:05

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- Jonas Brothers (G) ★ 11:30,1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:20
- Street Fighter (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:40,5:20,7:45,10:15,12:55
- Echelon (PG-13) ★ 12:20,3:10,6:20,9:00,11:40
- Madagascar (PG-13) ★ 1:20,4:20,7:20,10:00,12:45
- Fired Up (PG-13) ★ 2:00,4:40,7:10,9:45,12:10
- Friday the 13th (R) 12:00,2:30,5:10,7:50,10:10,1:00

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- Jonas Brothers (G) ★ 11:30,1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:20
- Madagascar (PG-13) ★ 10:00,12:40,3:30,6:30,9:10
- International (R) 10:10,1:10,4:10,7:10,10:10
- Confess-Shop (PG) 10:15,1:00,3:40,6:40,9:20
- He's Just Not (PG-13) 10:20,12:50,1:20,3:45,4:20,6:50,7:20,9:45,10:15
- Coralline (PG) 10:30,1:15,4:00,6:45,9:30
- Taken (PG-13) 11:00,1:30,4:30,7:00,10:00
- Benjamin Button (PG-13) 10:50,2:30,6:15,9:50
- Gran Torino (R) 11:15,2:00,5:00,7:50,10:40
- Frost/Nixon (R) 10:40,1:50,4:40,7:40,10:30

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

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- Jonas Brothers (G) 11:30,1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:20
- Street Fighter (PG-13) 1:10,5:00,7:30,10:00
- Echelon (PG-13) 1:45,4:15,7:00,9:40
- Madagascar (PG-13) 1:00,2:00,2:30,3:40,4:40,5:10,6:10,7:10,7:50,9:15,9:50,10:30
- Fired Up (PG-13) 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30
- Friday the 13th (R) 1:30,4:00,6:30,9:10
- Coralline (PG) 1:10,4:10,6:45,9:20
- Push (PG-13) 1:20,4:30,7:15,10:15
- The Uninvited (PG-13) 2:20,4:50,7:20,10:10
- Taken (PG-13) 12:40,3:30,6:20,9:00
- Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 2:15,5:15,7:40,10:05
- Slumdog Mill (R) 12:50,3:45,6:40,9:45

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

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- Jonas Brothers (G) ★ 11:30,1:40,3:50,6:05,8:15,10:20
- Street Fighter (PG-13) ★ 2:10,5:00,7:30,10:00
- Echelon (PG-13) ★ 1:45,4:15,7:00,9:40
- Madagascar (PG-13) ★ 1:00,2:00,2:30,3:40,4:40,5:10,6:10,7:10,7:50,9:15,9:50,10:30
- Fired Up (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30
- Friday the 13th (R) 1:30,4:00,6:30,9:10
- Coralline (PG) 1:10,4:10,6:45,9:20
- Push (PG-13) 1:20,4:30,7:15,10:15
- The Uninvited (PG-13) 2:20,4:50,7:20,10:10
- Taken (PG-13) 12:40,3:30,6:20,9:00
- Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 2:15,5:15,7:40,10:05
- Slumdog Mill (R) 12:50,3:45,6:40,9:45

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- Street Fighter (PG-13) ★ 12:25,2:45,5:05,7:25,9:45
- Doubt (PG-13) 12:25,2:45,5:05,7:25,9:45
- Milk (R) 1:40,4:25,7:10,9:55
- He's Just Not (PG-13) 1:30,4:15,7:05,9:50
- Taken (PG-13) 1:00,3:10,5:20,7:30,9:40
- Slumdog Mill (R) 2:00,4:40,7:20,10:00

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- Milk (R) 3:15,10:20
- Pink Panther 2 (PG) 12:35,3:00,5:25,7:50,10:10
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- The Class (PG-13) 1:05,4:10,7:10,10:10
- Benjamin Button (PG-13) 11:45,6:50
- International (R) 1:40,4:30,7:25,10:05
- The Reader (R) ★ 1:10,4:05,7:00,9:55
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Dog owners fear Obama effect

Associated Press

It's nothing against the Obamas. But some Portuguese water dog owners aren't thrilled the breed is a front-runner for the first family.

The choice could mean a spike in the dogs' popularity—and that could mean a rise in shady breeders and fickle owners who don't understand the dogs and eventually abandon them, owners of Portuguese water dogs say.

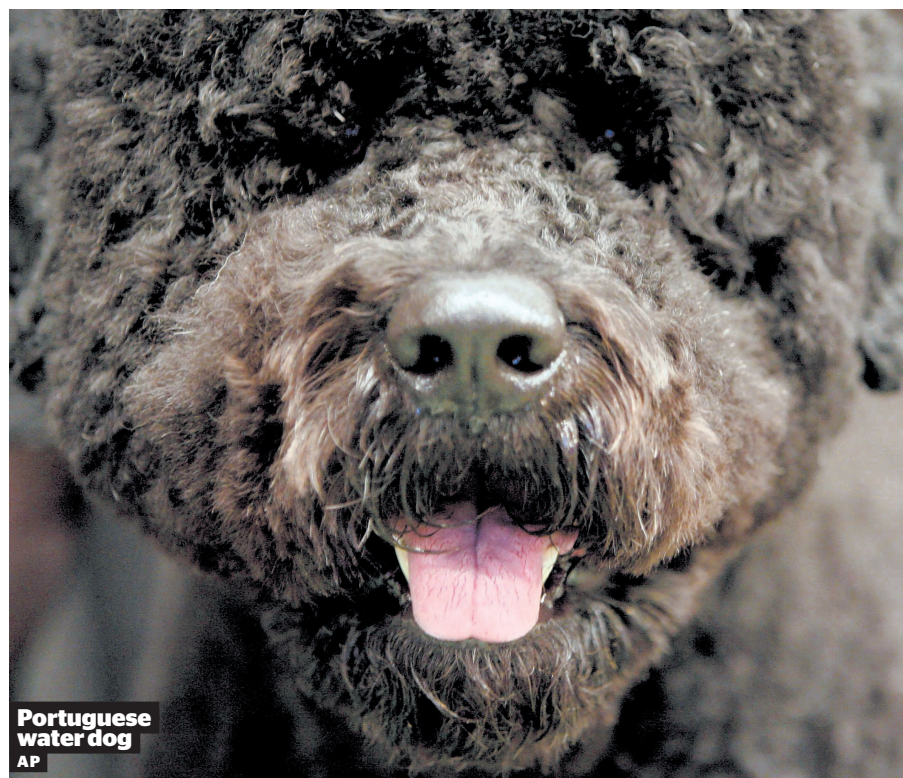
"There's always the danger of something like that," said Stu Freeman, president of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America. "It's '101 Dalmatians' syndrome."

After that movie came out, "everyone thought, 'aren't they cute,'" ran out and bought the dogs and found out they were not quite as adorable as the ones in the movie, Freeman said.

First Lady Michelle Obama told People magazine that the family is looking to rescue a Portuguese water dog in April, though her press secretary said Thursday that the decision isn't final. President Obama also had mentioned a Labradoodle as an appealing choice.

"Obviously they have their favorites that the president and first lady have outlined before—with of course the Portuguese water dog being a top contender—but there hasn't been a selection yet," Katie McCormick Lelyveld said.

Elena Gretch, a dog trainer and owner of two Portuguese water dogs, worries that if the Obamas choose the breed, puppy mills will sprout up. The dogs cost \$1,800 to \$2,500 and aren't as common as other popular breeds. They're prone to hip dysplasia, so finding a good breeder is important, she said, and the dogs don't often end up in shelters for adoption.



ABOUT THE DOG

» Portuguese water dogs were bred centuries ago to help fishermen along the Portugal coast, working as couriers, retrieving nets and diving for fish.

» In 2008, the breed ranked 62nd in popularity, according to American Kennel Club registration statistics.

» The dogs require a lot of attention, grooming and outdoor exercise.

» Portuguese water dogs are not great for first-time dog owners, club president Stu Freeman said, because it takes experience to train them.

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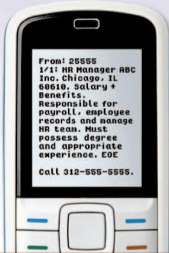


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Would you get back together with an ex who dumped you for someone else?



Resist urge to re-merge

A breakup (regardless of whether you were the dumper or the dumpee) is a prime opportunity to move forward and grow as a person. If your ex comes back from outer space, and you walk in to find her there with that sad look upon her face, then greet her and wish her well. But by any and all means necessary, resist the urge to re-merge. Doing so constitutes several giant steps backward, and even though the reunion might feel right at the onset, the ugly stuff that split you up in the first place will start surfacing in short time. You'll remember why you said goodbye the first time around.

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Make him grovel

Taking someone back after they dumped you, even if they did come crawling back begging forgiveness, is a risky venture. Who's to say he isn't going to have a wandering eye and run off again? Even if I accepted him back, I would have lingering trust issues. On "The Simpsons," when Apu crawled back to Manjula after cheating on her, she insisted he perform several humiliating tasks and then legally change his name to Slime Q. Slimeball. While the name change is a bit much, I would definitely require several acts of contrition from an ex to get back in my good graces, including an all-expenses paid trip to Puerto Vallarta, some concert tickets, nice dinners and definitely some groveling. Most of all, I would expect to receive respect and faithfulness from my partner. And if a relationship didn't work out again, at least we gave it another shot.

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You're back? What nerve!

If a guy dumped me for another woman, he should realize that he's burned that bridge. Perhaps if he convinced me that his body had been overtaken by an alien who forced him to choose the other woman, he *might* have a shot at reuniting. Other than that, he would have two things working against him: 1) I like to be his first choice; 2) forgiveness is not one of my strong suits. Granted, people make mistakes. Reconnecting is a romantic notion, but I would have too much resentment to work through. Even if I loved him more than shoes, I don't think the relationship would ever fully recover. "The Bachelor" is part of my TiVo lineup; I remember when DeAnna dumped Jason for Jesse the snowboarder. And now she's back after an extended fling? The nerve! I hope he shuts her down.

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Pop quiz!

Think you know gossip? Try your hand at these questions based on the week's best dirt

WHO SAID IT?

1 "For one night, I put on the most amazing suit and I entered into the picture frame. You have to really be with someone that you know has your back in that situation ... and she did, and it was really great."

2 "There's only so much material you can use for a wedding dress ... I don't like the '80s prom look."

3 "I felt like I had a lot of really useful information that I was privileged enough to get, because I have this amazing, super, fortunate life."



4 Which of the following couples did NOT reportedly split up this week?

- A. Holly Madison and Criss Angel
- B. Nicole Richie and Joel Madden
- C. Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green

5 Why did Philip Seymour Hoffman wear a cap during the Oscars on Sunday?

- A. It was cold in there.
- B. Because PSH can do whatever the [bleep] he wants.
- C. He's working on a role that requires crazy hair.



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6 Who won "Top Chef" on Wednesday?

- A. Stefan
- B. Carla
- C. Hosea

Audrina Patridge and Lauren Conrad

Each of the following statements applies to a star of "The Hills"—Lauren Conrad or Audrina Patridge. Can you guess whom we're talking about?

7 Someone broke into her Hollywood Hills home Sunday and robbed it. She posted video of the break-in to her blog.

8 She says Season 5 of the MTV reality show will be her last because she wants "to walk away from it while it's still a great thing."

9 Why is everyone talking about Jerry Seinfeld all of a sudden?

- A. He's returning to NBC as producer of a comic reality series.
- B. He just announced a stage adaptation of "Bee Movie"
- C. He's the latest celebrity to endorse the Snuggie.

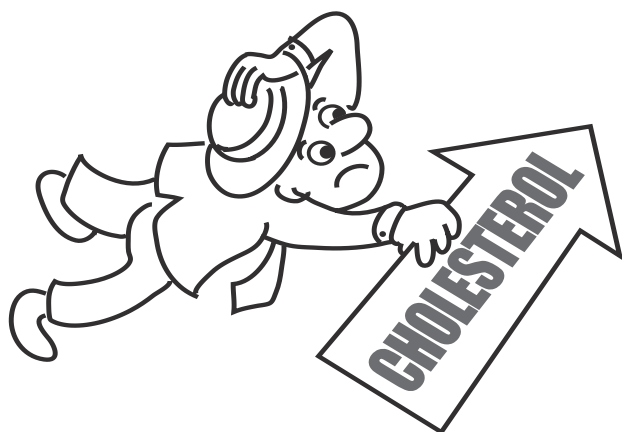


JERRY SEINFELD

10 "30 Rock" star Jack McBrayer was compared to whom this week?

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- B. Mr. Rogers
- C. Brian Williams

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Nick Fury
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A star is born

Quentin Tarantino wrote the part of Jules, Samuel L. Jackson's breakout role, in "Pulp Fiction" specifically for him after he auditioned for which part in "Reservoir Dogs"? Text **"role"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get a text back telling you whether you got it right.

- 1) Mr. Orange 2) Mr. Pink
- 3) Mr. Blue 4) Mr. Blonde

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Save the dates

The Pitchfork Music Festival will return July 17-19 to Union Park on the West Side, the Tribune's Greg Kot reports. The festival has been a major mid-summer draw the last three years, with sold-out events attracting 45,000 fans from 45 states and 11 countries. Lineups will be announced before tickets go on sale March 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady?

Are those wedding bells we hear? Us Weekly reports Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady tied the knot Thursday in Santa Monica, Calif. Reps didn't immediately return calls. The Brazilian-born supermodel has been dating the New England Patriots quarterback since 2006.

'Idol': No, no Norman

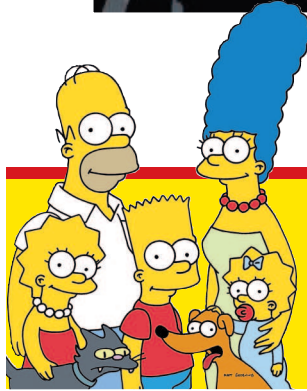
Nick Mitchell almost became "American Idol's" next Sanjaya Malakar. Thankfully, America has wised up since Season 6. Sanjaya provided the comic relief two years ago with his hair don't's. Nick did the same thing this season with his over-the-top musical comedy routines under his wacky alter ego, Norman Gentle. "I prayed for about five or six hours non-stop last night," judge Simon Cowell said Thursday before Ryan Seacrest announced that Simon's prayers had been answered: Norman/Nick is out, and Adam Lambert, Allison Iraheta and Kris Allen moved on.



Lambert

Iraheta

Allen



THE DIGITS

2: Number of seasons for which Fox has renewed "The Simpsons," the network announced Thursday. That means the longest-running sitcom on prime-time TV is getting ...

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